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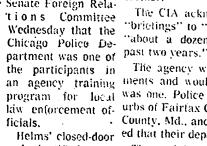
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WASHINGTON - Former CIA director Richard Helms told the Senate Foreign Rela-



and classified testipolice spokesmen.

RICHARD HELMS

CIA training received by Chicago police, but the 1947 National Security Act, which bars the membered some Chicago policemen attending trol Act, which encourages federal agencies training sessions at the CIA's super-secret fa- to assist local police. cibity at Camp Perry, near Williamsburg, Va., either in late 1967 or early 1968.

other former CIA man, who asked to remain agreement, but neither indicated that he ing session.

In Chicago, police officials in a position to ce Department had received CIA training.

anyone," one police official said.

Another police official said that the CIA fast ticipating in aid to local police. year provided the department with the chem- Perny-way the senator who tasked Helms

contact with metal during the 72-hour period preceding such a test.

The chemical formula was turned over to the department's crime laboratory, but lab officials said they have not developed the test

The CIA acknowledged on Tuesday giving "brickings" to "less than 50" policemen from Wednesday that the "about a dozen" departments "within the

The agency would not identify the departan agency training ments and would not say whether Chicago program for local was one. Police in Washington D.C., its sublaw enforcement of urbs of Fairtax County, Va., and Montgomery County, Md., and New York City acknowledg-Helms' closed-door ed that their departments had participated.

The training covered organization of inmony conflicted with telligence files, use of security devices and denials issued on procedures including detection of wiretaps, Tuesday by Chicago street surveillance technique and handling of explosive devices.

It was not possible. Helms told the Senate committee that he to learn the extent of believed police training was not forbidden by another high-ranking former official of the CIA from domestic police activities, and was spy agency said in an interview that he re-authorized by the 1968 Omnibus Crime Con-

At least two members of the committee. chairman J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) and It was unclear whether Helms and the Sen. Charles H. Percy (R-III.), expressed disanonymous, were referring to the same train, would hold up Helms' nomination to be ambassador to Iran over the matter.

Both senators said that they believed the snow denied that members of the Chicago Po. Police program had violated the spirit of the 1947 law, whose intent they interpreted to be restricting the agency to activities outside the q "We've been offered the privilege of attend- United States. An aide to another senator said ing some CIA seminars, but we've never sent it might be necessary to write an amendatent into the 1968 law excluding the CLA from pur-

cal formula for a substance that could de-about Chicago's involvement, it was learned, retriume whether human skin had come in but Percy refused to say in an interview what

Helms' answer was. "We were in executive session," he said, "and what occurred there was classified."

Percy did say that "after listening to (Helms') testimony, I am convinced that this was a miniscule program, that no request came to the agency from any other branch of government launching the program, that the briefings and training program could be done; just as well by the Federal Bureau of Inrestigation and that then there would be not conflict with the '47 law and the crime bill.'

fle said, "It would be best for the CIA to transmit any technical information it might possess to the FBI, which could carry on training programs for local police, as it does and is supposed to do."

Percy said, "There shouldn't be any possibility or chance that the CIA would get into domestic activities" and he said that he would take the police-training issue up with

Helms' newly confirmed successor. James R. Schlesinger.

Fulloright said that Helms had portrayed the police training program as "perfectly legitimate." Asked if he understood that such programs would continue, Fulbright said, "As far as I know, I guess so."

Percy said that he thought the CIA would ccase and desist" when advised of the committee's objections and that it would not be necessary to write new legislation forbidding such activity,